

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

LEAD AGENCY: United States Army Garrison, Fort Detrick, Maryland.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Implementation of the Army Residential Communities Initiative at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

AFFECTED JURISDICTION: City of Frederick and Frederick County, Maryland.

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ABSTRACT: This Environmental Assessment (EA) considers the proposed implementation of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The EA identifies, evaluates, and documents the effects of obtaining private sector funding for construction, maintenance, management, renovation, replacement, rehabilitation, and development of family housing and ancillary supporting facilities. A no action alternative is also evaluated. Implementation of the proposed action is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be published in accordance with the Army's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulation.

REVIEW COMMENT DEADLINE: The EA and Draft FNSI are available for review and comment for 30 days, beginning October 31, 2003, through November 30, 2003. Copies of the EA and Draft FNSI can be obtained by contacting Headquarters, USA, MRMCM, ATTN: MCMR-PA (Charles Dasey), 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012; by e-mail request to chuck.dasey@det.amedd.army.mil; or by phone to (301)619-2736. Copies have also been provided to the Fort Detrick Post Library and the Frederick County Public Library, Frederick, Maryland. The EA is also available for download at <http://www.detrick.army.mil/detrick/usag/ipo/em/index.cfm?page=4>. Comments on the EA and Draft FNSI should be submitted to the Fort Detrick Public Affairs Office at the physical address or e-mail address given above by no later than November 30, 2003.